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Fairfax Board Gets 'Something for Nothing'

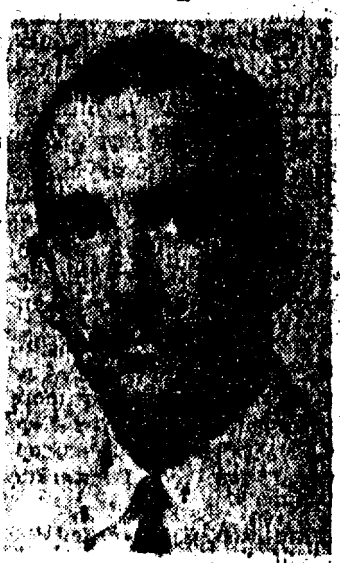
A One-Man Splinter Group?

Scott Seegers, a free-lance writer who opposes any changes in the Langley area of Fairfax County, yesterday nonchalantly offered to show a County Board meeting "how to save $500,000."

"I offer you something for nothing," Mr. Seegers said.

Then he explained the county can save $400,000 by not contributing its share of the costs of buying parkland bordering the proposed highway from the Bureau of Public Roads' tract to the proposed Cabin John interchange.

The distance from the Public Roads tract—which is adjacent to land taken by the Central Intelligence Agency—to the interchange is about one and a half miles.



SCOTT SEEGERS

Mr. Seegers said the Federal Government should be restricted to the 100 acres he and "a professional engineer" think is the maximum needed for a highway right-of-way.

"If the Federal Government wants parkland there, it could use the 300 acres it now owns at the Bureau of Public Roads," he said.

Another $100,000 could be saved, he said, by telling the Government it can't take 105 acres of sub-division land beyond the Cabin John route.

Mr. Seegers said Federal surveying crews are already in the area, altho the county specifically told the Government it agreed to no parkland there.

"I respectfully suggest the appropriate agencies of the Federal Government be informed so they can use their surveying crews elsewhere," Mr. Seegers said.

Then Mr. Seegers, 43, bowed to board members, marched out of the second-floor board room and—exuberant over having gotten it all off his chest — slid down the long, curving courthouse banister to the lobby.

Four hours later, the still startled Board members confirmed the Federal Government was planning to take the 105 acres beyond the Cabin John interchange area—something they said they hadn't known until Mr. Seegers' advent.

They asked County Executive C. C. Massey to inform the National Capital Planning Commission that they didn't approve of the Government taking the [illegible]

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